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Regulations for the Importation of Horses
from the United States and Canada

- A. Animal: Horses
- B. Country of Export: United States and Canada
- C. Purpose: Racing, Polo and Recreation
- D. Regulations for Importation

1. Import Permit

Each consignment of horses shall be accompanied by an import license issued by the Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia permitting the importation of such horses into Peninsular Malaysia.

2. Identification

Each consignment of horses shall be accompanied by an identification certificate or horse passport issued by a registered veterinary surgeon of the country of export and further endorsed by a Government Veterinary Authority describing the age, breed, sex, color, markings or other points of identification; the name and address of the farm/premises of origin of the horses.

3. Veterinary Certification

The horses shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate issued by the Government Veterinary Authority of the country of export certifying that;

3.1 the country or part of country or farm of origin has been free from African horse sickness, Western, Eastern and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for the past two (2) years immediately preceding the date of export; and no vaccination is permitted in the country against African horse sickness;

3.2 the country or part of country or farm of origin has been free from glanders for the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of export;

OR

the horses have been tested with mallein with negative results within ten (10) days immediately preceding export;

- 3.3 the country or part of country or farm of origin has been free from trypanosomes for the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of export;

OR

the horses have been tested for trypanosomes by inoculation of whole blood into mice/rats and examined by Giemsa-stained blood smears every alternate day for a period of twenty-eight (28) days with negative results within thirty (30) days immediately preceding export;

- 3.4 the country or part of country or farm of origin has been free from contagious equine metritis for the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of export;

OR

the horses have never been mated or is gelded;

OR

the horses have been tested for the causal agent of contagious equine metritis by bacterial culture with negative results;

- 3.5 the horses have been kept for the past three (3) months in a state or premise/farm where no cases of diseases stated below occurred for the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of export;

a) equine encephalomyelitis

b) vesicular stomatitis and

c) equine viral arteritis

OR

the horses have been kept in a premise/farm where no cases of equine viral arteritis had occurred for the past thirty (30) immediately preceding the date of export;

- 3.6 the horses have been examined within forty-eight (48) hours of export and found to be healthy and free from clinical signs of any infectious or contagious disease including glanders, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, dourine, horse-pox, sarcoptic mange, influenza, ringworm, strangles, infectious equine anaemia, equine encephalomyelitis, vesicular stomatitis and equine viral arteritis;

- 3.7 the country or part of country or farm of origin has been free from equine infectious anemia and equine viral arteritis for the preceding twelve (12) months prior to the date of export;

OR

the horses have been tested in the laboratory approved by the government authority for the following diseases;

- a) equine infectious anemia by the immunodiffusion (Coggins) test with negative results within thirty (30) days immediately preceding export;
- b) equine viral arteritis by the serum neutralization test with negative results at dilution of 1 in 4 within (10) days immediately preceding export;

- 3.8 to the best of veterinary surgeon's knowledge and belief, during the three (3) months immediately preceding export, the horses have not been on any premises on which these diseases have occurred, nor had the horses otherwise been exposed to the risk of infection with these diseases;

equine infectious anemia, equine viral encephalomyelitis, rabies, scabies, anthrax, glanders, dourine, strangles, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, babesiosis (piroplasmiasis), Getah virus infection or any other disease of equine notifiable in the country of export;

- 3.9 the horses had not been vaccinated with any vaccine within one (1) month of the date of shipment;

4. Declaration from Master/Captain of Ship/Aircraft

A declaration from the captain of the aircraft or master of the ship in which the horses were carried stating that;

- 4.1 the horses have been embarked at a port in U.S. A. or Canada and had not landed at any intermediate port during the flight/voyage to Malaysia. Stop-overs of aircraft at Honolulu and Japan may be permitted or any other port as approved by the Director General of Veterinary Services Malaysia;
- 4.2 no other animals were carried in the aircraft or ship during the time that the horses to which the certifications refer were on board the aircraft or ship;
- 4.3 no fodder other than from the country of origin was carried in the aircraft or ship during the time that the horses were on board the aircraft or ship;
- 4.4 the interior of the aircraft has been sprayed with an approved insecticide just prior to the departure from the airport;

5. Should any outbreak of a major epizootic disease occur on board the aircraft or ship, the horses shall be returned to the country of origin or be destroyed and disposed of appropriately.

6. On arrival at the port of disembarkation in Malaysia the horses shall be sprayed with an insecticide and taken directly to the Subang Quarantine Station or any other quarantine station approved by the Department of Veterinary Services; and shall there be quarantined for a period of fourteen (14) days.